

TITLE

Easily expandable, flexible paper popcorn package

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A flexible paper popcorn package in the form of an easily expandable bag (18) is disclosed including a bottom wall (20), a top wall (22), first and second, pleated, side walls (26), and first and second non-venting ends (24, 28). The ends (24, 28) are sealed by constant width adhesive strips (46, 48) located on the inside surfaces of the sheet (42) forming the tubular stock for the bag (18) and which adhere the inside surfaces of the pleats (26a-d) to the top and bottom walls (20, 22) and adhere the top and bottom walls (20, 22) together intermediate the inner edges of the pleats (26a-d). Spots (60, 62) of adhesive may be provided between the pleats (26a-d) and the top and bottom walls (20, 22) to prevent the formation of pockets adjacent the end (24). Couplers (70) formed of adhesive are provided between the pleats (26b, 26d) and the top wall (22) which seal apertures (72) in the pleats (26b, 26d) which vent during microwave popping, puffing, or expanding of a food product held in the bag (18) and which may predispose unfolding of the pleats (26a, 26c) adjacent the bottom wall (20) including the susceptor (30).